

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1312-K)**

PATENT

In application of:)
Kopreski) Before the Examiner:
Serial No. 10/658,873) F. Wei Min Lu
Filed: September 5, 2003) Group Art Unit: 1634
For: Method for Detecting and Monitoring)
Cancer using Extracellular RNA)

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 10, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed July 10, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Status of the claims.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 29, 45 and 46 are pending at the issuance of this Office Action.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and Applicant's remarks begin on page 8.